

Amendments to the claims

1 to 3. (Cancelled)

4. (New) A duvet cover for covering a duvet, the duvet cover comprising:

generally rectangular top and bottom panels of similar size, each of the panels having: a head edge; a foot edge; left and right side edges; a length between the head and foot edges; a width between the side edges; a head portion extending partly over the length of the panel from the head edge; and a foot portion extending partly over the length of the panel from the foot edge towards the head portion; wherein the head edges of the panels are joined together, the left edges of the head portions of the panels are joined together, and the right edges of the head portions of the panels are joined together;

a pocket panel covering the foot portion of the bottom panel, the pocket panel having: a head edge; a foot edge; left and right side edges; a length between the head and foot edges substantially less than the length of the top and bottom panels; and a width between the side edges generally equal to the width of the top and bottom panels; wherein the foot edges of the pocket and bottom panels are joined together, and the left and right edges of the pocket panel are joined to the left and right edges, respectively, of the foot portion of the bottom panel; and

fastening means along the foot and side edges of the pocket panel for releasably fastening with complementary fastening means along the foot edge of the top panel and along the side edges of the foot portion of the top panel;

whereby:

with the fastening means released, one end the duvet can be inserted into the duvet cover between the pocket panel and the foot portion of the bottom panel, and an opposite end of the duvet can be inserted into the duvet cover between the head portions of the top and bottom panels;

the top panel can then be flattened so that the foot portion of the top panel covers the pocket panel; and the fastening means can then be fastened.

5. (New) A duvet cover as claimed in claim 4, wherein the top and bottom panels each have a mid portion between the respective head and foot portions, the left and right edges of the mid portion of the bottom panel not being joined to the pocket panel nor the top panel.

6. (New) A duvet cover as claimed in claim 5, further having left and right flaps joined to the left and right edges of the mid portion of the bottom panel, whereby the flaps can be sandwiched between the duvet and the mid portion of the top panel.